The twilight I longed for has been turned for me into trembling.” Isaiah 21:4

Twilight is that brief moment in the run of a day’s course when the world is bathed in soft shades and pleasant shadows and man waits to see whether it heralds the day or the dark. I loved it as a boy, and the years have but added to its loveliness.

As I walk down memory’s lane to the days of my childhood, the heat of the day had been stifling, oppressive, and now the long, hard day was over. A lazy wood-smoke rose from the cook-stove chimney, and my steps quickened. In the fertile field of my imagination I could see already the soft lights of home, the feeble flicker of the kerosene lamp. Soon I would lie down upon a bed of straw and rest from my labors.

But before that, there would be twilight time, and I would lie down upon the grass in the yard. Slightly to my left would be a locust thicket, and there the screech owl quarreled with any who would listen. Straight in front of me, an apple orchard, and the whip-o-will sang the first song of the evening, erratic and undecided, hesitant at first. And between me and the orchard, a valley where lightning bugs held their conventions on certain, but unpredictable, evenings of the week.

It was twilight time, and imagination ruled like a despotic king on a throne of gold, but I was but a child, living in a child’s world. But what of mature men and women who live in a twilight zone of reality? These are people who refuse to look the facts in the face, choosing rather to see vaguely and dimly and draw their own conclusions which may or may not square with reality.

I recall the Arab who was awakened one night in his tent. It was the midnight hour, and he was hungry. He lighted a candle and reached for a bowl of dates. He held one up to the light, saw that it had a worm in it, then tossed it away. He did another one the same way, and another, and another, and another. Then he blew out the candle and ate the remainder of the dates in the bowl.

Or consider Marie Antoinette, making her triumphal entry into Paris before the days of the French Revolution. No beggar was allowed to be seen on the route. The authorities swept into the side streets all the wretched and poor of the capital. The young queen was not allowed one brief glimpse of the seething misery of Paris. Thus, she lived in a fool’s paradise until the fury of the revolution shook her out of her dream world and made her face hard realities, now beyond remedy.

Her neck was one of the loveliest that ever graced a guillotine!

Twilight time is a beautiful time but an equally dangerous time, for one cannot see clearly. One has to squint, and a precipice a thousand feet high becomes a thing to be ignored, a “mad bomber’s” bundle as harmless as a child’s toy. Until it’s too late. And then:

“The twilight that I longed for has been turned for me into trembling.”

First Baptist Church
Robert M. Nation
Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. **NAME**
   
   **NATION**
   **Robert**
   **Morris**
   
   (Last) (First) (Second)
   
   Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.
   
   [EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. **BIRTH**
   
   **Moseleyville**
   **Daviess**
   **KY**
   **9-9-16**

   **DEATH**

3. **PARENTS**
   
   **Samuel**
   **Stella (Thompson)**
   
   [EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Donks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Donks]

   Father's occupation: **Farmer**
   
   Mother's occupation: __________

4. **BROTHERS**
   
   Number (2)
   
   **Alton Nation**
   **1905**
   **Living**
   
   **Harlan T. Nation**
   **1920**
   **11**

5. **SISTERS**
   
   Number (4)
   
   **Myrtle, 1907**
   **Maytse, 1909**
   **May, 1912**
   **Lydia, 1918**
   
   (All Living) **5 Brothers & Sisters Decedent**

6. **CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE:**
   
   (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

   **Type of Community**
   **Post Office**
   **County**
   **State**
   **Dates**
   
   R [ ] T [ ] C [ ] D [ ]
   
   Moseleyville
   **Daviess**
   **KY**
   **1906-18**
   
   R [ ] T [ ] C [ ] D [ ]
   
   Livia
   **McLean**
   **ILL**
   **1919-40**
   
   R [ ] T [ ] C [ ] D [ ]
   
   Livermore
   **McLean**
   **ILL**
   **1919-33**

7. **EDUCATION:**
   
   **Grammar school:**
   
   Graduate? Yes [ ] No [ ] Year graduated [ ]
   
   **High school:**
   
   Graduate? Yes [ ] No [ ] Year graduated [ ]

   School attended: **Harbor-Chilhowee Baptist Academy**
   [ ]

   (Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

   **College:**
   
   Years attended: None [ ] One [ ] 2-3 [ ] Graduate [ ]

   Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended:

   **Carson-Newman**
   **Jefferson City**
   **TENN.**
   **1940-44**
   **A.B.**

   (EXAMPLE: 1935-38)

   **Graduate-level:**
   
   List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees

   **Southeastern Seminary**
   **Wake Forest, N.C.**
   **1951-54**
   **B.S.**
8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

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Number of children (2). List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

TWO DAUGHTERS, DECEASED

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years) FARMER, FURNITURE FACTORY, MINISTER

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion 1939 (Date) 21 (Age) Baptism 1939 (Date) FIRST BAPTIST, TELL CITY, IND (Church) (Location of Church)

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated VOWE

Ordained as: Minister (X) Deacon (X) Other

1940 = FIRST BAPTIST SEYMOUR (Date ordained) (Church) TENN (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, UNSALARIED (Place the number of years service, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

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<th>Gen. Supt., Director, President</th>
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13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, UNSALARIED. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent (Position) Bethel Association (Organization, board, agency, etc.) Kentucky (State) 1942-1944 (Date)

Clerk LIBERTY ASSOCIATION N.C. 1945

VARIOUS OTHER SUCH MINOR POSITIONS
14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

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<td>County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La.</td>
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<td>F ☑ P ☐ 2. missionary</td>
<td>Ogbomosho, Nigeria, W. Africa</td>
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<td>F ☑ P ☐ Pastor of several small, part-time churches</td>
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<td>F ☑ P ☐ During school days</td>
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<td>F ☑ P ☐ Pastor Tillely Baptist Church, Tillely, N.C.</td>
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15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

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17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.)
List important positions of leadership held

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:
Favorite __________ Others __________

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by ____________________________

Mailing address ____________________________

Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Copiah County, Miss.; etc.)

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20. DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION (Please read special instruction sheet carefully and sample biographies before proceeding.)

Name of person writing the above characterization

P. O. Address

Return to:

Name

P. O. Address
A FAREWELL RECEPTION honors the Rev. and Mrs. R.M. Nation Sunday at First Baptist Church. Miss Kathryn Orem, church secretary, serves the honored couple. Others from left are Mrs. John R. Davis, Mrs. W. Carroll Bryan and Mrs. Duane Linker.

The Nations Are Feted at Reception

A farewell reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. R.M. Nation was held Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Rev. Nation has been pastor of the church for several years and is leaving the ministry to enter the field of pharmacy. The couple will make their home in Winston-Salem while Rev. Nation attends the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. W. Carroll Bryan greeted the approximately 125 guests. The reception was arranged by Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Duane Linker, Mrs. J.G. Jones, Mrs. John R. Davis and Mrs. Joe Jones.

A yellow and white color scheme was used in floral decorations and refreshments. The table was covered with a dotted swiss cloth over green and centered with a mass arrangement of yellow iris, tulips, and green chrysanthemums in a silver wine cooler.

The flowers were presented in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Nation by Fidelis Sunday School Class. Flanking the arrangement were silver candelabra holding yellow candles.

Fruit punch was poured by Miss Kathryn Orem, church secretary, Mrs. Linker and Mrs. Ray Koonce Jr. assisted in serving. Misses Celeste Hobgood, Anne Cape, Sabrina McKenzie, Kim Kirkland and Teresa Clemmons assisted in serving the children's table.

Mrs. J.B. Scott presided at the register which was used to welcome the Nations in 1962. Money dolls standing on a silver cake stand were presented to the honorees as gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Royster Sr. said goodbyes.
INCLEMENT WEATHER did not dampen the spirits of a farewell party given last evening in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Nation, left, by Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll Bryan, right, in their home, 210 Woodland Drive. The Nations are leaving to make their home in Winston-Salem. Rev. Nation has been pastor of First Baptist Church here for the past seven years. He is now planning to attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and major in Pharmacy. (Staff Photo)
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